

BLAMES WHOLE BUSINESS ON THE AMERICAN JEWS

Leading Russian Journal Insists That Government Is for Russians, Heart And Mind, in Spite of Press.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 26.—The Novoe Vremya this morning published a long leading article regarding the relations existing between the United States and Russia. In considering the unfriendly manifestations against the latter in the United States, the Novoe Vremya argues distinction must be made between the people and the government and it attributes the agitation in the press to a campaign engineered by the Jews, who, it has been said, even talk of building a battleship for the mikado. The paper insists, however, that the traditional friendship for Russia occupies a firm position in the American mind and heart and that the people cannot really prefer the Japanese to the Russians, who never have harmed them. The Novoe Vremya, on the other hand, contends that without reason the Washington government has been unfriendly to Russia, and compares the most brilliant feat of the state depart-

ment, the telegraphic ratification of the Chinese open port treaty, to diplomatic marriages, which, it says, sometimes are practiced in America. But it is idle, the article goes on, to talk now of sending United States consuls to Manchuria. Unsatisfied with his success, Secretary of State Hay undertook to secure the neutralization of the inviolability of the administration and the entity of China. Diplomats, lexographers and publicists being in doubt as to what all this meant, Secretary Hay kindly announced that he did not care to have his proposal defined in detail. The article concludes:

"The American government has taken a position which ill-accords with the former good relations with Russia and we are convinced that the conduct of the United States gunboat Vicksburg in refusing to protect and receive drowning Russians will not meet with sympathy in America."

TRADE PROSPECTS BRIGHTER.

Winter Sown Grain Doing Fine—Rail Shipments Pick Up.

New York, Feb. 26.—Special telegrams from correspondents of the International Mercantile Agency through out the United States and Canada make it clear that rather more conservative views are being taken for prospects of trade throughout the country than have been current heretofore. Wholesale trade at Chicago, Buffalo, and St. Louis have been more interfered with by delays by rail shipments but at many points, notably in the southwest and south, large volumes of traffic are reported. There has been no lack of moisture for winter wheat in the southwest. In the central belt the winter sown grain has experienced hard freezing weather, but has been well protected. Slack movement of wheat eastward has thus far virtually nullified threatening losses to railways due to ex-Buffalo rate war. In the Mississippi valley there have been no signs of an early spring in the agricultural regions. At Baltimore shipments of merchandise for spring delivery will average about 20 per cent less than last year, running from 10 to 30 per cent in various lines. A canvass of the south shows that the outlook for spring trade was never better. Notwithstanding evidences of selling of cotton by leading interests at New York and elsewhere thousands of southern holders, in view of the recent decreased receipts, seem to confidently count on recouping late losses. Speculation has depressed quotations for cotton and advanced wheat prices more, in each instance, than the demand and supply influences which are alleged to be behind each. There are more orders in sight for steel rails. Wire is sold far ahead but tin plates are being stored. Pennsylvania paper mills are profiting by the shutdowns elsewhere. Farm implement makers are more active. There has been a slight improvement in trade in the Canadian dominion within a week, as railways have begun to move merchandise with greater ease. The set back of the past month however, will make spring trade late there, and the total volume of sales will probably be smaller than last year during the like period. Bank clearings have decreased at Vancouver, Winnipeg and Victoria. The price of flour and of wheat have followed quotations which have been conspicuous in the states, and shoes have given manufacturers all the orders which they can handle in the near future.

FOOD PRICES RAISE.

Unfavorable Weather Works Hardship upon Poorer Classes.

New York, Feb. 26.—Practically all foodstuffs, except eggs, have reached extremely high prices in this city owing largely to unfavorable weather. Prices which were thought to be high a week ago now look reasonable for nearly everything that reaches the table. Fish, clams, oysters and lobsters are most effected by the severe winter. Oysters never have been so scarce, none coming to the market except from which have been growing scarcer for years are now hardly obtainable. There is a fairly ample sign of cod, and haddock are plentiful, but fresh fish that are not frozen and transported considerable distances are scarce. Potatoes, beans, cabbage, lentils, beets and other vegetables are higher than they have been for years. Bread and rolls are being raised in various parts of the city and concerted actions along this line probably will be taken at a

PERSONAL MENTION.

Captain Reynolds went to Portland last night. Charles A. Payne, associate editor of the Chinook Observer, is in the city. Oswald West returned to Salem last night after a day spent in the city. Sid Campbell, the Warrenton mill man, was an Astoria visitor yesterday. R. M. Hume, of the Tongue Point Lumber Company, is in Portland today.

J. B. DeBoise, who had been in the city for a few days, returned last night to Portland.

C. C. Cook returned to Portland last night, after covering the local trade for his house.

Secretary of State and Mrs. F. I. Dunbar were passengers on last night's train for Salem.

Harrison L. Hamblet was down from Portland yesterday on a short business trip. He returned on the night train.

Miss Eva Parker was visiting in the city yesterday from the west side. While in the city Miss Parker was the guest of her cousin, Miss Alma Johnson.

Mrs. Winnie McCaustland and daughter, Helen Lucile, of Portland, are in the city on a visit to Mrs. McCaustland's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. McAfee.

Albert Brix, who has been in the city for the past two weeks, returned to his home in Portland last night. Mr. Brix is now in the business of handling paints, and he said yesterday that the company he represents is doing well.

The common council is having a hard time with its city hall proposition. Recently the committee on public property was authorized to advertise for bids for the present city hall and site, and the committee was to have opened the bids Thursday afternoon. However, no bids were presented. The council wants \$15,000 for the building and lot, but prospective buyers do not like the idea of paying that price. Doubtless the property is worth the money asked, but it is always difficult to get full cash value for realty, especially when it is offered for sale. The indications are the council will find it extremely difficult to convert the property into cash, and the outlook for a new city hall is decidedly poor. The new hall could not possibly be built until the present site and building are disposed of, and all efforts thus far made to dispose of the property have proved futile. The com-

mittee will report to the council that no bids had been received by it for the property, and it will then be up to the council to figure out some scheme to get rid of the property. The outlook at the present time for a new city hall is not such as to cause any particular elation among members of the august body which so successfully manages the affairs of this enterprising community.

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